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In re Application of:
Douglas G. MURRAY
Application No. 09/442,909
Filed: November 18, 1999
For: INFORMATION GATHERING FACILITY
EMPLOYING DICTIONARY FILE
CONTAINING MULTIPLE INQUIRIES

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 TO
ACCEPT PAPERS AS TIMELY
FILED AND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §
1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed June 21, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requesting the Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified application. The petition is treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) to accept papers as timely filed and as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requesting the Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment. (See MPEP § 711.03(c)).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

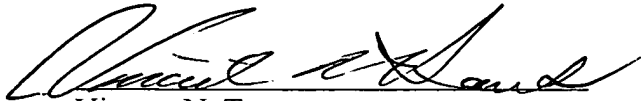
This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office Action mailed July 08, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 18, 2004.

Petitioner's submissions of June 21, 2004 and March 15, 2004 meet the applicable criteria. Petitioner asserted that a Response to the Office action was filed in a timely manner on September 30, 2003. A copy of the originally submitted amendment and a Certificate of Transmission signed by Kevin P. Radigan dated September 30, 2003 have been provided. A personal statement of Kevin P. Radigan is submitted on June 21, 2004.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for entry of the copy of the response. From there, the application will be forwarded to examiner to consider the amendment.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Vincent N. Trans whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent N. Trans", written over a horizontal line.

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